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LETTER DATED 8 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the death of five members of the monitor mission to Yugoslavia, issued in Lisbon on 7 January 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Portugal to the United Nations

Annex

Statement on the death of five members of the European Community monitor mission to Yugoslavia

[Original: English and French]

The European Community and its member States are appalled and

Dismayed by the tragic events that occurred today and which have caused the death of five members of the monitor mission to Yugoslavia.

The Community and its member States urgently call for a thorough investigation of the circumstances which have led to this grave incident in order to determine responsibilities to the fullest extent.

To this end, the head of the monitor mission has been instructed to organize immediately a tripartite commission of inquiry.

The presidency's representative in Belgrade has also received instructions to meet, in a troika format, the local authorities with a view to securing their complete cooperation with the above-mentioned investigation.

The Community and its member States solemnly recall the commitments accepted by all parties involved in the present crisis to ensure the security of all members of the monitor mission, and strongly urge them to abstain from any act which might jeopardize the present cease-fire which must be seen as the key element in the search for a peaceful and negotiated solution.

The Community and its member States express their deepest sympathy and solidarity to the relatives of the victims and pay tribute to the courage displayed by all members of the monitor mission which has been so severely tested since the beginning of its activities.